

# **CHESAPEAKE CITY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

## **October 12, 2010**

Attendance: Mayor Hill, Rebecca Mann, Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari, Rich Taylor, Ron Francis, Attorney Keith Baynes, Town Administrator Sharon Weygand. Val Walls was absent.

### **I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hill followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from Town Council September 13, 2010**

**MOTION** was made by Rich Taylor and seconded by Ron Francis. All in favor; motion carried. Rebecca abstained since she was absent.

### **III. Approval of minutes from Special Session September 16, 2010**

**MOTION** was made by Rich Taylor and seconded by Dean Geracimos. Rebecca Mann abstained since she was absent. All in favor; motion carried.

### **IV. Approval of minutes from Closed Session September 23, 2010**

Correction made by Rebecca Mann that percentage needs to be corrected.

**MOTION** was made by Frank Vari and seconded by Rebecca Mann with the correction being made by the Mayor regarding the percentage. Rich Taylor abstained since he was absent. All in favor; motion carried.

### **V. Approval of Minutes from Closed Session October 5, 2010**

TABLED minutes not received – Put on the agenda for the November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI. Public Announcements**

Katie Hutton has opened up gift and flower shop at South Village. Grand Opening Friday, Oct 15.

Household Hazardous Waste Day at CCG Landfill on Sunday 10/17/10.

Saturday, October 23rd is salvageable metals for south side.

Fall Fest at Pell Garden Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>; Pumpkin Event on Saturday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **VII. Commissioners' Reports**

#### **A. Ron Francis**

#### **Public Works**

#### **Water/Sewer Status**

#### **Noise**

Rob Penman gave Artesian's water and sewer monthly report. See attachment. Quarterly water readings, and grease trap report has been given to town. Rebecca questioned why the alarm is going off in the evening; John Loveless came out. Rob will check it out. Rebecca questioned - How long will generator run after the electric comes back on? Rob - it is predetermined. Rebecca stated sometimes it runs for hours. Rob will check it out.

Dean questioned why Artesian's truck was in town. Rob - They were doing cleanup work from earlier in the year from the Mt. Nebo's restoration work.

Ron Francis plans on having a meeting with URS about the Bank Street Pump Station Evaluation report. The water sewer meeting is on 10/18/10 at 6:30 p.m. Also, in the future, Ron would like to set up a meeting with the county to discuss the water line to school.

A. Ron Francis Commissioner's Report (cont.)

Public Works – four trees have been taken down. A grate was broken at 319 Biddle St., and it will be getting fixed tomorrow.

SHA – Landscaping Permit issued for Rt. 213 Landscaping project. Ron will be meeting with DELMARVA electric to discuss the electric for the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Charles Street parking area.

The Noise Meter is going back for repairs.

B. Rebecca Mann            Public Safety  
   Charter  
   Ethics

Sgt. Leas – see enclosed report. Rebecca received a complaint from a resident on Bohemia Ave. A car was parked in a resident parking area till morning. Sgt. Leas - Resident should call the Sheriff's department. Also, the Mayor noted that a truck and trailer are parked on Bohemia Ave. again. The resident was told to move the trailer (loaded with scrap) to the backyard or the bridge parking lot and not leave it on Bohemia Ave.

Dean asked Sgt. Leas for a list accident report for Rt. 213. Sgt. Leas noted that the Accident reports are obtained from MD State Police in Pikesville. He has given the town this information.

C. Rich Taylor                            Financial

P&L on the front table; in a couple months, they will be working on the water & sewer rate increases.

D. Frank Vari                            Planning & Zoning  
   Historic  
   Parking Committee  
   5K Run/Walk  
   Recycling

P&Z – there were three action items on the agenda – fence 420 Cecil St.; shed and fence at 416 & 418 George St.; and signage at 317 Bohemia Ave. Also, Chesapeake Village was discussed. Lee Collins commented that progress is being made on Old Town Hall.

Historic met on Sept 28, and they had one action item - 2 sheds and fence at 416 & 418 George St.

Parking committee will be meeting this Thursday.

5 K received approval from Army Corp of Engineering. Event looks like another big day; volunteers are needed at town hall.

Recycling – It was a good day Saturday. Commissioner Vari received a letter from the county about phasing in and phase out credit, and tipping fee. CCG declined the town's request. Commissioner Vari suggested that the towns ask for a waiver for the tipping fees.

E. Dean Geracimos Parks & Recreation  
Docks  
Little League  
Public Relations  
Chamber of Commerce

Parks & Recreation –bus is filled for the NY trip in December.

Docks – safety ladders were installed. Next week, another ladder and handrail will be installed at the south dock.

**Little League – going strong with winter ball.**

Public Relations – with upcoming Fall Festival, we hope the event gets public relations coverage from newspapers.

Merchant's Association – they are moving forward with Chamber of Commerce.

## VIII. Office Reports

A. Sharon Weygand  
Report enclosed

B. Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer  
P&L enclosed no unexpected expenses, working on budget amendment for November workshop and December vote.  
Barbara Wilkers questioned if all the sign sponsorship have been paid.

C. Frank Hill Mayor  
Mayor stated that he did not have anything different to report.

## IX. Old Business

A. Winterfest of Lights – No Report  
Dean requested that it will be taken off the agenda as old business until they get a game plan. Mayor would like to keep it on the workshop agenda so it's not forgotten.

### B. Bike Trail/Walking Plan – No Report

## X. New Business

**A.208A Biddle Street – waiving water & sewer fee**

Commissioner Rebecca Mann recused herself from discussion since she was the owner of the property. A request was made to waive the water and sewer fee for 208 A Biddle Street until the property renovations are completed. A shop is being converted into an apartment. The request is being made under Section 1.11 Waive of Sewer and Water Rents. Request is enclosed. She does have approval from P&Z and CCG -building permits. Time limit is one year.

Commissioner Rich Taylor stated we have been consistent with granting other request. Once she gets an occupancy permit, the sewer and water fees will start up again.

Bill Wilker's commented that he has a problem with granting waivers for water and sewer. If the town is talking about water and sewer rates being increased, then it's not helping our budget granting a waiver. He doesn't understand why the town keeps doing this. The Mayor noted that it is an incentive to get the property fixed up.

Elaine Shepard stated that it's the principle, and repeatedly it adds up.

Approximately, five or six properties have requested waivers over the years.

Attorney Keith Baynes stated that the applicant meets the qualifications of Section 1.11.

**MOTION** was made by Ron Francis to reject the request for 208A Biddle Street for a Waiver of Sewer and Water Rents (Section 1.11). Call for second Rich Taylor.

Discussion – Ron based his motion on the fact it is not the home she is living in but a secondary residence. Mayor stated this is the same as the Union and Biddle waiver which was granted. Attorney Keith Baynes - Ordinance does not stipulate if it is a primary or secondary residence. Administrator Weygand made a suggestion that the issue is TABLED until the staff can gather documentation on previously waivers approved, date approved, and date waiver ended.

Ron retracted his motion to reject the request for 208A Biddle Street for a Waiver of Sewer and Water Rents (Section 1.11) and Rich Taylor retracted his second.

**MOTION** made by Frank Vari and seconded by Ron Francis to TABLE the request for 208A Biddle Street Waiver of Sewer and Water Rents (Section 1.11) until the staff gathers information on the other properties to see if it fits in. All in favor, motion carried.

SHA GRANT – Dean Geracimos would like to research the Retrofit Sidewalk funding. Administrator Weygand will confirm if SHA covers the cost for the design.

## **XI. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. I Love Chesapeake City Campaign**

Packets include price. All items will have the town seal and mallets are engraved. Bumper sticker \$39 for 1000; mallets are \$1.95 each. Total cost will be under \$1000. Calendar we will hold off till next year.

**MOTION** was made by Frank Vari and seconded by Ron Francis to introduce the I Love Chesapeake City Campaign with promotional bumper stickers and crab mallets with the town seal for less than \$1,000. Discussion - money will be taken out of the 5 K run account. Also, this has been discussed with the merchants. All in favor; motion carried.

### **B. Winter Maintenance/Snow Removal Bid Award**

One bid was received. See enclosed. Lello Joe Tiley.

**MOTION** was made by Ron Frances and seconded by Rich Taylor to accept the bid per bid sheet rates. See enclosed. All in favor, motion carried.

### **C. Event Application – Halloween Parade**

Event 10/27/10 insurance enclosed.

**MOTION** was made by Rich Taylor and seconded by Ron Francis to approve the Halloween Parade event for 10/27/10 Ron Francis. All in favor; motion carried.

### **D. Event Application – Christmas Tree Lighting**

INFORMATION ONLY

Lions Club will be here on 11/28/10 Sunday. No motion needed. Application is considered OK.

## **XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dean coaches high school. Team wore pink for breast cancer month which inspired coaches to ordered pink jersey. Entire school will be wearing pink at the Homecoming game. Invites everyone to attend.

## **XIII. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. was made by Frank Vari and seconded by Ron Francis. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Sharon Weygand, Recorder

Frank Hill, Mayor